



National Space Development Agency of Japan (NASDA)



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Japanese Experiment Module (JEM) Initial Utilization (until 2008)

■ Promote diverse fields and styles of JEM utilization and commercial uses.

Issues to Be Settled

1. Offering timely utilization opportunities making use of pilot projects as test cases
Status: The National Space Development Agency of Japan (NASDA) has already started various pilot projects for JEM utilization. A new series of pilot projects by NASDA targeting a wider scope, including commercial uses, is starting in 2001.
2. Strategic PR to announce new activities for JEM utilization
Status: Symposium announcing NASDA's new activities to widen JEM utilization was held in March 2001. NASDA is planning to have such symposiums annually.
3. Confidentiality
Status: NASDA maintains confidentiality of proposals of pilot projects. Special agreements on this issue between the user are possible if required.

■ Set up basic policies as a guideline for JEM utilization by the public.

Issues to Be Settled

1. Reasonable and flexible fee system
Status: To be set by NASDA through the experience of pilot projects. The cost sharing of the first pilot projects is to be decided on a case-by-case basis.
2. User-friendly systems and reasonable management systems
Status: To be established by NASDA based on the experience of pilot projects.

First Pilot Project Process Starting 2001*

Application

- Offer Description Including Purpose, Novelty, Benefit for People
- Technical Information
- Company Information
- Market Analysis and Strategy Summary
- Financial Plan for the Cost Sharing with NASDA
- Implementation Schedule
- Letters of Intent/Commitment

Offer Review Steps

- Registration of Offer
- First selection by application letter
- Second and final selection based on interview with applicants

Notification to Applicants

- Registration Letter
- Status Letter
- Status Letter

* NASDA is going to start a new type of pilot project series to widen the scope of JEM utilization. The first one, starting in 2001, will be implemented as a joint activity with NASDA, based on a proposed idea by the public to make use of resources provided by NASDA. NASDA is planning to develop the substance of each pilot project one by one in order to gather data to establish user-friendly systems for future JEM utilization.

Main evaluation points for the first pilot projects are 1) effects for the promotion of JEM utilization, 2) novelty of the proposals that diversify JEM utilization, 3) technical feasibility, and 4) budgetary feasibility.

Conditions for the First Pilot Project

- Costs associated with nonstandard integration, flight certification, and safety compliance are the responsibility of the buyer.
- Costs associated with all hardware and software required for additional operations or nonstandard training are the responsibility of the buyer.

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